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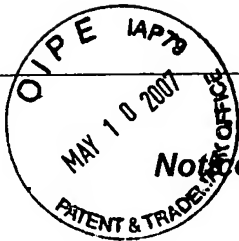
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10/728,152

Examiner

Kimnhung Nguyen

Applicant(s)

WANG, XIAO-PING

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10 and 13-16.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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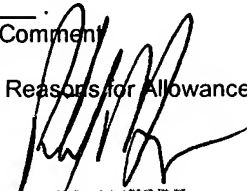
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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**DETAILED ACTION**

This application has been examined. The claims 1-10 and 13-16 are allowed.

Reasons For Allowance

2. The following is a statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention is directed to a waterproof LED chain comprising a plurality of link units; a plurality of wire pair connecting the link units in electrical series; at least one wire connected to a link units to form external power supply wires, each link unit comprising at least a tray housing; a PCB securely received in the housing; a plurality of light emitting diode elements mounted on the PCB in electrical connection with the wire pairs at a wire pair connection point. The combination of the closest prior art of Chen (US 6,448,900) and Yang (US 6,329,593) showed a similar invention, however, they fail to teach that wherein the cured waterproof resin inside the tray housing encasing the lower half of the light emitting diode elements forms a surface defining an outer cover sealing the opening of the tray housing to enclose the PCB, wherein the outer cover has a plurality of apertures corresponding to the number of said LED elements and the external power wires at a location where the LED elements and the external power wires protrude from the cured waterproof resin as claims 1 and 13; or soldering a plurality of wire pairs at the end of each PCB at wire connection points to form a continuous chain of prepared PCB units, each wire pair consisting of a positive and negative wire, placing a prepared PCB unit each having LED elements mounted on it into a tray housing, then pouring liquid epoxy resin in to the tray sealing the wire connection points and bottom portion of the LED elements as claim 7.

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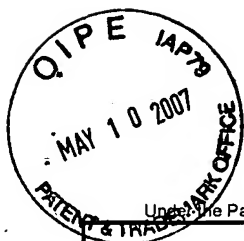
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Hjerpe can be reached on (571) 272-7691. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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April 9, 2007



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